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SUBJ: IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS: FRANCE/IAEA/PAKISTAN TRILATERAL

SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT

REF: IAEA VIENNA 1540 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY. AS PROMISED PARA 7 REFTEL, FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF
BOARD OF GOVERNORS' DEBATE ON SUBJECT AGREEMENT. END

SUMMARY

1. IN LENGTHY STATEMENT (ADDRESSING BOTH SUBJECT AGREEMENT,
AS WELL AS FRG/IAEA/BRAZIL TRILATERAL SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT)
BANGLADESH REP COMMENTED EXTENSIVELY ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF
SAFEGUARDS, INCLUDING FACT THAT BANGLADESH WAS CONSIDERING
BECOMING PARTY TO NPT, AND HE ALSO MADE NUMBER OF STATEMENTS
CONCERNING FRANCE/IAEA/PAKISTAN TRILATERAL SAFEGUARDS
AGREEMENT. HE NOTED THAT AGREEMENT CORRESPONDED SUBSTANTIAL-
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LY TO FRANCE/IAEA/ROK AGREEMENT APPROVED LAST

SEPTEMBER, AND WHILE HE WAS UNABLE PROVIDE DEFINITE COMMENTS ON SUBSTANCE OF DRAFT, BANGLADESH NEVERTHELESS SUPPORTED AGREEMENT. HE ALSO POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT BANGLADESH BELIEVED OPERATION OF ENRICHMENT AND REPROCESSING PLANTS SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO AGENCY SAFEGUARDS REGARDLESS OF WHERE THEY WERE LOCATED, WHETHER IN A COUNTRY POSSESSING NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR NOT. IN THIS CONTEXT, BANGLADESH WAS IN FAVOR OF ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL FUEL CYCLE FACILITIES WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND CONTROL, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL PLANTS SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED. HE WENT ON TO NOTE THAT HIS DELEGATION DOUBTED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY URGENCY IN SETTING UP SUCH INSTALLATIONS IN ANY PARTICULAR COUNTRY AND THAT IN MANY WAYS IT WOULD BE MORE ADVANTAGEOUS TO STORE IRRADIATED FUEL FOR LATER TREATMENT.

2. FRENCH REP STRESSED THAT SUBJECT DRAFT AGREEMENT WAS LIMITED TO SPECIFIC INSTALLATION AND THAT IT WAS ACCCOMPANIED BY PROVISION RELATING TO TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION. IT WAS SIMILAR TO FRENCH/IAEA/ROK AGREEMENT ALREADY APPROVED BY BOARD. DURATION OF PROVISION IN AGREEMENT CONCERNING PERIOD FOR CONCLUSIVE PRESUMPTION THAT ANY REPROCESSING PLANT BUILT IN PAKISTAN USING SAME OR SIMILAR PROCESS USED TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERRED FROM FRANCE, WHILE NOT RPT NOT PRECISELY SPECIFIED, WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THAT FRG/IAEA/BRAZIL AGREEMENT (I.E., PERIOD WOULD BE 20 YEARS FROM DATE OF INITIAL TRANSFER OF INFORMATION).

3. REPS FROM FOLLOWING COUNTRIES ALSO EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR AGREEMENT: TURKEY, THAILAND, ARGENTINA, IRAQ, ITALY, SPAIN, BRAZIL, LIBYA, FRG, SOUTH AFRICA, COLOMBIA, INDONESIA, AND U.K.

4. IRANIAN MADE LENGTHY STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF AGREEMENT (COMPLETE TEXT SENT SEPTEL), SOME OF WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN DIRECTED MORE TO U.S., IN CONTEXT OF DIFFICULTIES IN CONNECTION WITH NEGOTIATIONS OF PROPOSED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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U.S./IRAN BILATERAL AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION IN CIVIL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY.

5. NETHERLANDS REP SUPPORTED AGREEMENT, BUT STRESSED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS APPROVAL OF UNDERLYING COMMERCIAL TRANSACTION TO BE CONCLUDED BETWEEN FRANCE AND PAKISTAN.

6. U.S. REP REITERATED VIEW THAT COUNTRIES WITH LIMITED NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAMS WOULD BE WELL ADVISED NOT RPT NOT TO PROCEED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF SMALL UNECONOMICAL REPROCESSING PLANTS, BUT INSTEAD EXAMINE MORE ATTRACTIVE ALTERNATIVES, SUCH AS MAY EMERGE FROM CURRENT IAEA REGIONAL FUEL CYCLE STUDY. HE INDICATED THAT THERE APPEARED TO BE CONSENSUS FOR APPROVING AGREEMENT AT THIS TIME, WHICH U.S. COULD ACCEPT, BUT STRESSED THAT THIS DID NOT RPT NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT OF ANY SPECIFIC TRANSACTION TO BE COVERED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.

7. BANGLADESH REP REITERATED SUPPORT FOR AGREEMENT, BUT ADDED THAT HE SHARED RESERVATIONS EXPRESSED BY U.S. REP.

8. CANADIAN REP SUPPORTED AGREEMENT, BUT ALSO STRESSED THAT THIS DID NOT CONSTITUTE AN EXPRESSION OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S OPINION ON UNDERLYING COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS ENVISAGED. HE ALSO EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL CENTERS. STONE

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